

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 106

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 15, 2015

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Resolution No. 106 with committee amendments.

This resolution, as amended, expresses the Senate's opposition to the Pilgrim Pipeline project along the currently proposed route and urges the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, and any other federal, state, or local entity engaged in review of the Pilgrim Pipeline project to reject the project. The resolution also urges the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare an environmental assessment for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act and calls on the NJDEP to thoroughly review the project's impacts.

The Pilgrim Pipeline project would construct two new parallel oil pipelines in the State, linking Albany, New York, and Linden, New Jersey. The pipeline would transport Bakken shale oil produced in North Dakota.

The committee amendments would add language to clarify the opposition to the proposed pipeline along the currently proposed route.